

Remarks

The foregoing amendments, and these remarks are submitted in response to the Office Action date February 24, 2005.

Applicants have amended claims 1, 14 and 31 to recite "monomer mixture" in both instances. This amendment is solely to use consistent language in both instances in each claim, was not made in response to any rejection by the Examiner and does not change the scope of the claims in any way.

Applicants have further amended claims 1 and 31 to recite that the monomer mix comprises a silicone-containing hydrogel monomer. Support for this amendment may be found in original claims 4 and 33, which have been canceled.

Applicants have further amended claim 14 to recite that the hydrophilic coating composition comprises poly(2-hydroxyethyl methacrylate). Support for this amendment may be found in original claim 22, which has been canceled.

Applicants respectfully submit that entry of the foregoing amendments is proper as they reduce the number of issues to be considered upon appeal.

Applicants submit that the foregoing amendments have traversed the Examiner's rejection. Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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